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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

NJ Senator's Bill Compared to Nazi Gun Control Law

By Jeff Johnson

CAPITOL HILL – Both of New Jersey's U.S. senators are tying their long-standing gun control agenda to homeland security and terrorism fears. Second Amendment advocates compared their proposal to the actions of the Hitler regime in Nazi Germany.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) announced his legislation called the "Homeland Security Gun Safety Act," along with fellow Sen. Jon Corzine (D).

Lautenberg claimed the proposal would close "loopholes" in current gun laws "that allow terrorists to access weapons and explosives inside our borders."

"As our government confiscates toenail scissors at airports, secures power plants, and increases domestic surveillance," Lautenberg said, "we're ignoring the most obvious threat and that is the ease in [sic] which terrorists can access weapons in virtually any town across the country."

Under Lautenberg's proposal, any time the Homeland Security Threat Level rises to "elevated" or higher, law enforcement authorities would not be required to complete mandatory background checks on firearms purchasers within the current three-business-day limit. Unlike current law, which mandates near-immediate destruction of records of background checks if the sale is approved, Lautenberg's proposal would allow authorities to maintain the registry of new gun owners "indefinitely."

The Homeland Security Threat Level has been at the "elevated" level - or higher - ever since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Supporters of Second Amendment protections for armed citizens warn that

the proposal would allow law enforcement agencies to block all gun sales by simply refusing to complete background checks. They note that Lautenberg's plan to maintain a registry of gun owners sounds very familiar

"These are the very laws that were used by the Nazis to register everybody's guns, to confiscate the Jews' guns and then to commit genocide," said Larry Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America. "Why the senator would want to do something as horrible as that, I can't understand."

Germany's 1928 "Law on Firearms and Ammunition" required all firearms to be registered with the federal government. When Hitler came to power in 1933, his Nazi regime used the registration lists to confiscate firearms belonging to Jews and suspected "sympathizers."

The bill would also impose nearly a dozen new restrictions on federally licensed firearms dealers, already the most heavily regulated industry in the U.S. The legislation would:

- * Allow unlimited, unannounced inspections of gun dealers by federal agents. Because of past abuses, federal authorities are currently limited to one unannounced inspection per year. Inspections by local authorities are not currently limited;

- * Create a federal felony charge against a gun dealer if a lost or stolen gun is recovered by authorities before the loss or theft is discovered and reported;

- * Revoke a gun dealer's license immediately upon conviction for any felony - even if the conviction is under review by a higher court or being appealed.

- * Suspend a gun dealer's license if, before the dealer files a report,

authorities discover a gun that has allegedly been "missing" from inventory; and

- * Suspend a gun dealer's license immediately upon being charged with any crime. Under current law, gun dealers are allowed to keep their licenses until and unless the government can prove its charges against them in court.

Lautenberg claims the changes will also reduce criminal violence.

"This bill will not affect the vast majority of honest, law-abiding Americans who want to purchase guns," he said. "The bill focuses on preventing weapons from getting into the hands of terrorists and criminals."

But Pratt noted that regulating legal purchases of firearms by law-abiding citizens has no positive impact on crime.

"And we know that there's no way it ever will because the English gun ban [has resulted in] more crime with guns," Pratt noted. "The senator is absolutely wrong. He's lost the argument."

Closer to home, Pratt noted that since the 1976 District of Columbia gun control laws were enacted the murder rate has dropped by two percent nationwide, while D.C.'s murder rate has increased by 134 percent.

Gun control supporters blame easy access to firearms in Virginia for DC's crime rate. But Pratt pointed out that Arlington County, Virginia - which is just across the river - had a murder rate of 2.1 per 100,000 in 1999, compared to a murder rate of 46.1 per 100,000 in the District of Columbia. If all the Virginia suburbs outside Washington are included the Virginia murder rate is only 6.1 per 100,000.

Nonetheless, Lautenberg still believes that the source of the problem is the availability of guns, not the

violent intentions of those who use them criminally.

"We've had so many experiences where a criminal act suddenly erupted in a moment of outrage with a perfectly well-behaving citizen," Lautenberg charged. "The fact is that the gun availability changed this person into a criminal."

Pratt wondered aloud if Lautenberg wasn't voicing subconscious concerns about himself.

"Normal people have no problem carrying a gun, bearing insults, suffering someone cutting them off in traffic and going on," Pratt added, "never pulling their gun."

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports between 1972 and 1995, firearms ownership increased by more than 100 percent, while the overall rate of both murders and murders committed with guns remained fairly constant.

In a 1996 study, researchers at the University of Chicago discovered that, contrary to Lautenberg's claim, the possession of guns by law-abiding citizens actually reduced violent crime.

John Lott and David Mustard found that states with laws allowing citizens to carry concealed firearms reduced murders by nearly nine percent, rapes by five percent, aggravated assaults by seven percent and robbery by three percent.

If states without concealed carry laws had adopted them in 1992, the pair estimated that approximately 1,570 murders, 4,177 rapes, 60,000 aggravated assaults and more than 11,000 robberies would have been avoided annually.

Pratt pointed to those statistics and again questioned the motives behind Lautenberg's latest gun control bill.

"He and everybody else who supports that kind of legislation are just absolutely wrong," Pratt concluded. "There is no empirical basis for gun control, and the only reason you could be advocating it is because you must have the same objectives that the Nazis had."

-- CNSNew.com, April 30, 2003

Ed.: Lautenberg is Jewish. Unfortunately some Jews collaborated with the Nazis. Our readers may wish to remind him of that. Extra copies available for \$1 each.

Ten Things You Can't Say in America

Reviewed by Lesley Reed

Fans of Los Angeles radio talk-show host Larry Elder have dubbed him "the sage from South Central." His critics--and there are many--use names that range from Oreo to the Antichrist.

Why? Elder, a libertarian, lays down his controversial views in his first book, which attacks the politically correct, black leaders, feminists, gun-control advocates, and other "so-called liberals."

Some of the 10 things you can't say in America include:

- * "Blacks are more racist than whites"
- "There's only a dime's worth of difference between Republicans and Democrats"

- * "The media bias is real, widespread and destructive"

- * "America's greatest problem is illegitimacy."

Elder aims to change the way blacks look at their future, demanding that they take responsibility for their lives, stop blaming all their problems on racism, and pay attention to the progress they've made. While there may be some truth in what he says and even some good news (for instance, the self-esteem of black children is equal to or better than that of whites), this isn't exactly a pep talk.

Not surprisingly, his attack on black leaders (whom he calls nutcases and hysterical) and white liberals has engendered a fair amount of hostility. So it's hard to believe Elder's going to win too many converts. But for those who appreciate his views, or are curious about them, this book is a provocative and lively ride into the mind of one of the nation's most outspoken black libertarians.

List price: \$23.95. Hardcover. 352 pages.

"Admitted member" of NJ Militia faces 15 years in prison

Edward Feltus, a 56 year old retired NJ public employee, faces sentencing as early as next month for his role in a case that led to the exposure of what authorities believe had all the makings of a major domestic terror plot.

It all began with the apparent mis-delivery of a package of ID cards for the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency and the UN Multilateral Defense Force;

North Dakota and Vermont birth certificates, a Social Security card and a federal concealed weapons permit, all bearing the photo of the middle-aged Feltus.

John S. Pistole, assistant director of the FBI in charge of counterterrorism, described Feltus as an "admitted member" of an obscure right-wing organization known as the New Jersey Militia.

The package of IDs was delivered to a Staten Island homeowner who contacted authorities who apparently traced it to 62-year old William Krar, of Tyler, Texas, who has since confessed to a federal charge of possessing cyanide and other chemicals for the purpose of creating a "dangerous chemical weapon." He faces a possible term of life imprisonment.

In a prepared statement, Matthew Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, said as the result of the combined efforts of the FBI, BATFE and the Army Criminal Investigation Command, "these defendants were identified and their activities pinpointed and neutralized."

Judith Braley, 54, who shares Krar's home, has also pleaded guilty of a charge of conspiracy to possess illegal weapons and faces up to five years imprisonment.

Feltus, arrested in NJ last June, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of aiding and abetting in the transportation of false identification documents. He faces up to 15 years in jail.

His attorney, Jerome Ballarotto, said Feltus' cooperation led to the guilty pleas by the other suspects. He says Feltus' involvement was almost incidental after the mail mix-up brought the bogus identification to the attention of federal authorities.

The attorney said Feltus wanted some official-looking credentials to ensure "that he could get his family to a safe haven out of harm's way in the mountains of New Hampshire."

The New Jersey Militia does maintain a Web site (www.njmilitia.org), which describes the group as attempting to warn the American public that the rights of the people have been "usurped by a renegade government," and to "restore lawful government to the United States and to the State of New Jersey."

In Krar's possession were a cache of illegal machine guns. Federal officials say they remain baffled as to the purpose of the weapons stockpile, which included a half-million rounds of

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. -- Mark Twain

ammunition, dozens of pipe bombs, silencers and camouflaged suitcase bombs that could be detonated by remote control.

An FBI agent said in court papers that the materials, along with the canisters of cyanide, could be part of a "covert operation" that was hinted at in papers recovered from Krar's car, including what appeared to be travel plans and rendezvous points in cities across the country.

-- Adapted from a story by Robert Rudolph, Newark *Star-Ledger*, Jan. 8, 2003

Ed.: A lot of today's so-called news is nothing more than a re-write of government press releases and allegations. The *Star-Ledger* article is a case in point. Reading between the lines it appears the alleged "admitted member's" sole "crime" was to have ordered ID from someone who can't address mail properly. Or did the FBI pull a "sneak and peek" job under the PATRIOT Act, steal the documents and mail them themselves? How convenient that the IDs were sent to the "wrong address", in the wrong state, perhaps to a federal agent, informant or "cooperative person" threatened with indictment. Who was the "homeowner" anyway? We'll never know because apparently the people accused pled guilty without a jury trial

The article doesn't say but we wouldn't be surprised if the "admitted member" was never charged with a crime let alone indicted. If that's the case due process is dead; the feds can achieve whatever they want by piling bogus charges on an alleged militiaman and terrorizing him into pleading guilty to a non-existent crime.

A Tale from the Colorado State Defense Force

By Paul Graham

To whom it may concern: I am Paul Graham, recently released from Federal Prison Camp, Englewood. It is my belief that I was personally targeted for my political beliefs by the FBI and Jefferson County sheriff department. They made me the subject of an intensive four to six year investigation that included tactics such as personal intimidation, threats, infiltration of groups which I was a member of, even false friendships. Despite this intensive scrutiny they were unable to find any true crime. Rather than admit defeat, they maliciously fabricated a crime, "cooked" the evidence to make it superficially support their false accusations and took me through a

very public costly, humiliating, damaging trial. This was done for the sole purpose of destroying the honorable, law abiding group of which I was a member and to make an example of me.

When the Colorado State Defense Force was founded. I was elected as the first Commanding Officer. (Mine was the only dissenting vote.) I really didn't feel qualified; but the membership made it clear that they trusted my leadership and my new public outreach campaigns. I started to put together a program of public works, public education and training for the membership; along with a program to develop and standardize uniforms, rules and bylaws in accordance with the Colorado Constitution: "the organization, equipment and discipline of the militia shall conform as nearly as practicable, to the regulations of the government of the armies of the United States." (Article XVII, Militia, Colorado Constitution)

We started telling the Sheriff of the Counties that we considered ourselves subject to them and available to them as "Emergency Community manpower". We made sure that they knew that if they needed anything done, anything at all (Constitutional of course), we were there for them. We would fill sandbags, we would direct traffic, we would do search and rescue work, we would act as a posse. Mostly we were well received. We also worked hard with the public teaching them the correct and proper role of the Militia. Most men were rather surprised to discover that, according to the Constitution for Colorado, they were members in the Militia already. We did most of our promoting during "Gun Shows". (There is a tremendous amount of education and political activism that takes place in these shows. It is my belief this was the biggest reason why the government wanted them closed.) We would also educate and promote during public protests and other public PR events. We very quickly drew the attention of the media, most of which was positive, after all how can you put down a group that was the third single largest supplier of manpower during Denver's relief efforts during the Fargo floods, or was working with homeless shelters serving meals, not only at holidays but also during non-holidays. We were also very well received here.

The unit grew in membership, skills, and financially but most importantly we grew in credibility and respect. We gained allies in several radio and

television stations. We were getting consistently good press. We had even gotten to the point where we had a contact at two TV stations who would call us looking for stories. One once told us that whenever he produced a story on us it was guaranteed to be run; we were "Newsworthy" and it was always positive. Somewhere along the line we acquired the name "Colorado Minutemen".

This just added to our positive image. Several years passed, all of the while we grew stronger but we were never able to cross over to that critical mass, where we were able to be self-supporting. The unit required a near constant need for "Maintenance". There was a continual need for recruiting, training, and motivation. It was nearly a full time job for me and my staff. We were also becoming a political force, having been involved with several important issues; we even testified before the state legislature. We started to make some enemies here. Several political individuals tried to harm us including Mike Feeley, a state senator who tried and failed to pass legislation to outlaw us. (We actually worked with the ACLU to fight this.) And former Jefferson County Sheriff Stone who as a candidate told me that one of his first jobs would be to "destroy you and every one like you!" [Ed.: Stone was sheriff during the Columbine massacre.]

We did not let these things stop us however, we had an important mission and we could not let these "enemies of freedom" as we called them, stand in our way of educating the public. We were making real inroads there also. We were changing people's minds; we were starting to get people to see the excess and improprieties of government. Not just fringe "patriots" but common every day people. We were fighting a battle of public opinion, and winning.

We started to attract the attention of some high power people, especially in Law Enforcement, at all levels from local to federal. This is when the real "infiltration" campaign started. What do I mean by that? Easy, we believed (we had no proof until later.) that certain people would be placed at our meetings for the sole purpose of inciting us to commit illegal or immoral acts. (Our meetings were public and advertised, even the local Sheriff was invited) For example we would be talking about fund raising and some "twit" (a suspected agent) would suggest that we should go door to door and pretend to be from another charity. After being told completely and clearly

that his suggestion was immoral and probably illegal he would leave, never to return. We also had cases where someone would just show up out of the blue, looking strange (he would have a clean appearance with short hair looking like a police officer, but he would show up dressed like a "dirt bag" or like he had been living in the hills for the last 20 years). Then he would ask where the bombs were or something equally stupid like who do we plan to kill next. They would also ask how to convert their rifle to full-automatic fire or how to convert their scanners to receive/record cellular telephone conversations. We would tell them that those actions were illegal and would not be tolerated in these meetings, nor would they be allowed in the CSDFR at all. Some times they would persist, or call us "Cowards without the guts to do what was necessary to win." We made it clear that if they persisted we would arrest them and take them in. Those activities would not be allowed. Once I even brought my hand cuffs out and actually walked to the offending infiltrator. He ran away before I got to him. We have had people tell us that they were working with the FBI but instead they really wanted to work as a double agent for us! They even offered to steal gear for us! They were obviously turned away. It seemed like we were being probed for weaknesses. Because we had such a strong "Follow the law, period no questions asked!" attitude, they could not find anything wrong.

They would even get personal. I will relate an incident that happened in my life personally. I was dating a woman (call her Louise, not her real name) a mother of two boys who was here in the United States on a green card. At a gun show, Don Estep (the Jefferson county sheriff deputy investigator who was involved in the second theft incident and who now also carried a US Marshals badge) walked up to her, and having never been introduced to her, said "Hi Louise, How are your two boys?" only he named them. At first he acted like he was a friend from the store, but he then asked her if she had anything that she wanted to tell him. After she said "no" he presented his card and told her to call him if she changed her mind. There was only a thinly veiled threat in the entire conversation. Needless to say, that scared her a great deal. Later they would make it a habit to stop by and see her when they were trying to get to me. By this time Mark Holstlaw from the FBI domestic terrorism unit has partnered with Don Estep. It also

appeared that they had one of their suspected informants ("Don" and his girlfriend) follow her from time to time. They (the informants) would meet her in the most unusual locations. Both of us suspected that they had telephone information as to where she was going. We would arrange to go shopping together for example, and shortly after we got to the store, the informants would show up.

Ed.: Graham purchased a military surplus store and was charged (under US Code, Title 18, Section 842) by the BATFE with being "engaged in the business" of selling pyrotechnic pest control devices without a license though none is required. (The devices, also called Rope Salutes, are often tied together with a fuse to produce a delay between explosions.) They are a low yield pyrotechnic device consisting of loud and bright firecrackers used to scare off birds, bears, deer and other pest animals. Officially they are classified as "Pest control devices." Graham's troubles seem to have begun when police infiltrators reported he took some of the devices to a militia training exercise. Graham was charged with four counts and convicted of one count of dealing explosives without a license, for which he served eight months. His full story is at www.fronrangesurplus.com

Chicago -- Number 1 in Homicides

BELLEVUE, WA, — Strict gun control in Chicago has worked...to once again make the Windy City the most murderous city in the nation, the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) said today.

"Chicago finished off the year with more murders than New York or Los Angeles," said SAF Founder Alan Gottlieb. "During the past 12 months, 599 people were murdered in Chicago, three more than in New York, where 596 people were slain, and about 100 more than in Los Angeles.

"Isn't it remarkable," he observed, "that Chicago, New York and Los Angeles have some of the toughest gun laws in the nation, yet they still typically lead the nation in the number of homicides?"

Gottlieb was particularly critical about Chicago's murders because Mayor Richard Daley has made his anti-gun philosophy a cornerstone of his administration.

"On the other hand, in Detroit, a city once plagued by runaway murder rates, the number of homicides has reportedly dropped to its lowest level

since 1968," Gottlieb noted. "Two years ago, Michigan reformed its concealed carry law, and today, thousands of law-abiding citizens in Michigan are legally armed. Gosh, do you suppose there is any correlation?"

"Mayor Daley should publicly admit that gun control in his city has been an absolute failure," Gottlieb stated. "It is time for Daley and his anti-gun colleagues to take responsibility for every one of these killings."

-- Second Amendment Foundation Jan 6, 2004, 800-426-4302, www.saf.org, info@saf.org.

100 Items that Disappear Fast

By a Sarajevo War Survivor

1. Generators (Good ones cost dearly. Gas storage, risky. Noisy, target of thieves; maintenance required etc.)
2. Water Filters/Purifiers
3. Portable Toilets
4. Seasoned Firewood. (Wood takes about 6 - 12 months to become dried, for home use.)
5. Lamps, Wicks, Lamp Oil (First Choice: CLEAR oil. If scarce, stockpile ANY!)
6. Coleman fuel. Impossible to stockpile too much.
7. Guns, Ammunition, Pepper Spray, Knives, Clubs, Bats & Slingshots.
8. Hand can openers, egg beaters, whisks.
9. Honey, syrup, sugar
10. Rice - Beans - Wheat
11. Vegetable Oil (for cooking) Without it food burns/must be boiled etc.
12. Charcoal, Lighter Fluid (Will become scarce suddenly)
13. Water Containers (Urgent Item to obtain.) Any size. Small: HARD CLEAR PLASTIC ONLY -- food grade if for drinking.
14. Slow burning candles
15. Matches, matches
16. Propane Cylinders (Urgent: Definite shortages will occur.)
17. Survival Guide Book.
18. Mantles: Aladdin, Coleman, etc. (Without mantles, longer-term lighting is difficult.)
19. Baby Supplies: Diapers/formula. ointments/aspirin, etc.
20. Washboards, Mop Bucket w/wringer (for Laundry)
21. Cookstoves (Propane, Coleman & Kerosene)
22. Vitamins
23. Propane Cylinder Handle-Holder (Urgent: Small canister use is dangerous without this item)
24. Feminine Hygiene and Hair care/Skin products.
25. Thermal underwear

26. Bow saws, axes and hatchets, wedges (also, honing oil)
 27. Aluminum Foil Reg. & Heavy Duty (Great Cooking and Barter Item)
 28. Gasoline Containers (Plastic & Metal)
 29. Garbage Bags (Impossible To Have Too Many).
 30. Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels
 31. Milk - Powdered & Condensed (Shake Liquid every 3 to 4 months)
 32. Garden seeds (Non-Hybrid, A MUST)
 33. Clothes pins/line/hangers (A MUST)
 34. Coleman's Pump Repair Kit
 35. Tuna Fish (in oil)
 36. Fire Extinguishers (or large box of Baking Soda in every room)
 37. First aid kits
 38. Batteries (all sizes)
 39. Garlic, spices, vinegar, baking supplies
 40. Big Dogs (and plenty of dog food)
 41. Flour, yeast & salt
 42. Matches. ("Strike Anywhere" preferred.) Boxed, wooden matches will go first
 43. Writing paper/pads/pencils, solar calculators
 44. Insulated ice chests (good for keeping items from freezing in Wintertime.)
 45. Workboots, belts, Levis & durable shirts
 46. Flashlights/LIGHTSTICKS & torches, "No. 76 Dietz" Lanterns
 47. Journals, Diaries & Scrapbooks (jot down ideas, feelings, experience; Historic Times)
 48. Garbage cans, plastic (great for storage, water, transporting - if with wheels)
 49. Men's Hygiene: Shampoo, Toothbrush/paste, Mouthwash/floss, nail clippers, etc
 50. Cast iron cookware (sturdy, efficient)
 51. Fishing supplies/tools
 52. Mosquito coils/repellent, sprays/creams
 53. Duct Tape
 54. Tarps, stakes, twine, rope, spikes
 55. Candles
 56. Laundry Detergent (liquid)
 57. Backpacks, Duffel Bags
 58. Garden tools & supplies
 59. Scissors, fabrics & sewing supplies
 60. Canned Fruits, Veggies, Soups, stews, etc.
 61. Bleach (plain, NOT scented: 4 to 6% sodium hypochlorite)

62. Canning supplies, (Jars/lids/wax)
 63. Knives & Sharpening tools: files, stones, steel
 64. Bicycles...Tires, tubes/pumps/chains, etc
 65. Sleeping Bags & blankets/pillows/mats
 66. Carbon Monoxide Alarm (battery powered)
 67. Board Games, Cards, Dice
 68. d-con Rat poison, MOUSE PRUFE II, Roach Killer
 69. Mousetraps, Ant traps & cockroach magnets
 70. Paper plates/cups/utensils (stock up, folks)
 71. Baby wipes, oils, waterless & antibacterial soap (saves a lot of water)
 72. Rain gear, rubberized boots, etc.
 73. Shaving supplies (razors & creams, talc, after shave)
 74. Hand pumps & siphons (for water and for fuels)
 75. Soy sauce, vinegar, bullions, gravy, soup base
 76. Reading glasses
 77. Chocolate, cocoa, Tang, Punch (water enhancers)
 78. "Survival-in-a-Can"
 79. Woolen clothing, scarves, ear-muffs, mittens
 80. Boy Scout Handbook, also Leaders Catalog
 81. Roll-on Window Insulation Kit (MANCO)
 82. Graham crackers, saltines, pretzels, Trail mix, jerky
 83. Popcorn, Peanut Butter, Nuts
 84. Socks, Underwear, T-shirts, etc. (extras)
 85. Lumber (all types)
 86. Wagons & carts (for transport to and from)
 87. Cots & inflatable mattresses
 88. Gloves: work, warming, gardening, etc.
 89. Lantern Hangers
 90. Screen Patches, glue, nails, screws, nuts & bolts
 91. Teas
 92. Coffee
 93. Cigarettes
 94. Wine/Liquors (for bribes, medicinal, etc.)
 95. Paraffin wax
 96. Glue, nails, nuts, bolts, screws, etc.
 97. Chewing gum/candies
 98. Atomizers (for cooling and bathing)
 99. Hats & cotton neckerchiefs
 100. Goats/chickens

Horrible things can happen in a war - death of parents and friends, hunger and malnutrition, endless freezing cold, fear, sniper attacks.

1. Stockpiling helps but you never know how long trouble will last, so locate near renewable food sources.

2. Living near a well with a manual pump is like being in Eden.

3. After awhile, even gold can lose its luster. But there is no luxury in war quite like toilet paper. Its surplus value is greater than gold's.

4. If you had to go without one utility, lose electricity - it's the easiest to do without (unless you're in a very nice climate with no need for heat.)

5. Canned foods are awesome, especially if their contents are tasty without heating. One of the best things to stockpile is canned gravy - it makes a lot of the dry unappetizing things you find to eat in war somewhat edible. Only needs enough heat to "warm", not to cook. It's cheap too, especially if you buy it in bulk.

6. Bring some books - escapist ones like romance or mysteries become more valuable as the war continues. Sure, it's great to have a lot of survival guides, but you'll figure most of that out on your own anyway - trust me, you'll have a lot of time on your hands.

7. The feeling that you're human can fade pretty fast. I can't tell you how many people I knew who would have traded a much needed meal for just a little bit of toothpaste, rouge, soap or cologne. Not much point in fighting if you have to lose your humanity. These things are morale-builders like nothing else.

MD Cop Stiffs NRA, Bows Down to AG

One Morgan Gates is the Maryland Handgun Roster Board member who by law was appointed to represent the National Rifle Association.

When Gates took positions opposite to the NRA the NRA tried to replace him. Previously such changes were routinely approved but the Erlich administration has decided to let Gates serve out his full term. No handgun may be sold without the Roster Board's approval.

Gates is on record as saying that as a police officer he will defer to Attorney General Joe Curran, the biggest anti-gunner in the state.

-- Tripwire, December 2003

Islamization Comes to Nigeria

The governor of Nigeria's Zamfara State first introduced Shariah, or Islamic, Law in late 1999. Eleven

additional northern Nigerian states, all with Muslim majorities, have implemented some form of Shariah Law.

Unlike British common law, which is based on principles of justice and the equality of all people before the law, Shariah Law is based on the Koran and Hadith, the Islamic holy book and teachings. It imposes a strict code of conduct on the population. For example, if an individual is convicted of stealing, the punishment is amputation of his hand. In the case of adultery, the punishment is death by stoning. Women are not allowed to travel alone in taxis, and there is strict segregation of the sexes in public places. All lawyers and judges under the Islamic system of justice must be Muslims, and the testimony of non-Muslims is given less weight than that of Muslims. Therefore, Christians and other non-Muslims who are tried and convicted in Islamic courts face an institutional bias against them.

Shariah Law appears to violate the Nigerian Constitution, which prohibits the state and federal government from adopting any official religion.

Like the African nation of Sudan, Nigeria is a country divided; and radicals in the heavily populated North are waging terror on the Christian-dominated South. Thus Shariah Law has resulted in a wave of violence and attacks against Christians, their homes, churches and villages as the militants wage jihad, or holy war, against them.

Shariah Law allows violent attacks against non-Muslims and the killing of former Muslims who have converted to Christianity or other faiths. The destruction of churches and the prohibition of new church constructions are considered legitimate actions. Since the late 1990s hundreds of churches have been destroyed, and thousands of Nigerian Christians have been killed or maimed.

While Christian president Olusegan Obasanjo's administration has stood against Shariah Law, his government has appeared powerless in its attempts to roll back the law's implementation in the 12 Northern states. So far his attempts to halt the

religious violence have proven futile, and it appears that Muslims beyond Nigeria's national borders are undermining his efforts.

According to Freedom House, the rapid growth of Islamic extremism in Nigeria is "being supported by foreign radical Islamic regimes and organizations, and some foreign radicals have been involved in violence." VOM verified this claim earlier this year during a series of interviews with Christian victims of Islamic violence. One 40-year-old man who was shot in the back during a recent raid on his village in Plateau State told us that several of his attackers were not Nigerian. "These Muslims were from neighboring states and other countries. They've come here to stir up trouble, and that has led to much death and destruction."

-- *Voice of the Martyrs*, August 2003

Ed.: Can't happen here?

Does anyone honestly think that if the U.S. government succeeds in disarming us it could protect the American people any better than the Nigerian government protects its subjects?

New Jersey Report

By a Jersey Patriot

Regarding the N.J. Highlands Stewardship Area I submitted a few letters to the editor of the *Star-Ledger* and *Bergen Record* warning upstate people of this federal move, and the public meetings held by the N.J. state to form a commission to rule the Highlands. A repeat of what has happened to our N.J. Pinelands, but no printing of the letters! In time a United Nations Biosphere on the Highlands! Federalize, then bring in the UN and start squeezing out private property!

Reading the NGO "Delaware River Greenway" newsletter from Summer I found out this NGO is looking to control the N.J. Sourland Mountains and make it sister ship to a Mexican U.N. Biosphere Reserve, so sneaking another Biosphere on N.J. Sourland Mountains are up in the north part of Mercer County and south part of Hunterdon County.

Attended one of Rep. Chris Smith's (R) 4th District "one on one"

meetings. Showed him proofs of the problems in the National Park Service's National Heritage Areas and asked him to withdraw his co-sponsorship of H.R. 524, NPS Crossroads of the American Revolution N.H.A.. He said he can't do that. I said, "Why not?" He wouldn't answer! Real great!!

Next I lectured him on the problems in his bill for a National Wildlife Refuge covering Trenton, Hamilton, and Crosswicks Creek, and asked him to sign a letter I had drawn up stating that he would establish a study of the NWR proposal. He refused to sign it, saying he needed to study the situation more. I half yelled at him, "Don't do this!" and picked up my pile of material and left in disgust.

Enough trash from this dumpster!

Letter to the Editor

No draft!!!

The arrogance of this one party system of Democrats and Republicans must be stopped!

No more American lives to be used as cannon fodder to advance the global empire!

No more drafting our young men or using the volunteer military to span the globe for the benefit of the internationalist!

Absolutely no drafting our precious women!!!

Absolutely no involuntary servitude of any kind!

No more American tax dollars (money stolen) to reconstruct the world!

America, a state of war does indeed exist against our Constitutions, our Bill of Rights, and in general, the people!

The fight is here, Americans, not abroad!

We must recapture our right to life, liberty and property!

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Ed.: For you new readers out there, we protect the names of our correspondents. We'll never expose them to the machinations of the "enemies of freedom."

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